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We should not be looking at stopping Vacation Rentals but looking more at a Permitting System to make it legal for owners to rent. Visitors spend a lot of money here and stopping Vacation Renting would only cut into millions that is spent by them. Memphis had a situation like ours and in February 2015 they came to a compromise and will be setting up a permitting system, Nashville is also following Memphis in legalizing Vacation Renting. In Waimanalo we have some Mom & Pops eating locations that will possibly have to shut down if visitors are stopped from renting here. Many jobs will be lost. Kailua will be in the same situation along with places in the North Shore. When visitors travel here they do spend a lot of money, far more then the taxes the city will receive from renting. I am in agreement that everyone needs to pay taxes but at least lets look at a system in where we can start

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permitting owners of Vacation Rentals to become legal. We lose visitors we all lose.
Mahalo Abraham Aiona Waimanalo

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